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Southern Nash Middle School

Staff Newsletter

One Team. One Goal. No Limits.



Support Staff Spotlight

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Sports
Team:** N.C.
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Football



What are Educators Reading...

Public education in the U.S. is forever changing.

Check out the following "must-read" titles as you navigate educational policy:

- Saving The School - Michael Brick
- Finding Superman - Watson Scott Swail
- Why School? Reclaiming Education for All of Us - Mike Rose
- 'Ed Speak - Diane Ravitch
- Educational Courage - Nancy Schniedewind
& Mara Sapon-Shevin

Follow the QR to see a complete list of Top 15 must-reads for K-12 educators.



Save The Date!

Food Drive

By November 15th

Support the FCA as they support those in need. Bring in any canned & nonperishable food items through the 15th.

Parent Appreciation

Nov. 15th

Together with our students, we'll be celebrating our Cobra parents with postcards, emails or text messages and a "Thank You" video.

Thanksgiving Holiday

Nov. 21-23

Say a special blessing of thanks for your Southern Nash family while spending time with your own family.

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Things You Are Especially Proud Of:
Being employed at SNMS. Very proud of my family. Proud of the ladies that make my coffee every morning at SNMS.

Something SNMS Might Not Know About You: How proud I am to have a second family at SNMS.

If You Could Listen To Only 5 Songs For The Rest Of Your Life, What Would Be On Your Playlist?

1. God Save The Children
2. Mighty Clouds of Joy
3. It's Going to Rain Again
4. Always and Forever
5. Marry Christmas Baby



Vocabulary: Five Common Misconceptions

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1. **Definitions Do The Trick:** Although knowing a word's definition is important, it is not nearly enough. Students need to see a new word in print, use it orally, notice it's grammatical structure/function and learn correct spelling.
2. **Weekly Vocab List Are Effective:** Rote memorization does not promote effective learning. Try different ways to present new content-specific words such as: read alouds and word plays.
3. **Teach All Words in Bold or Italics:** Do students already know these words? Are they really important? Select vocab based on student knowledge, importance and future curriculum use.
4. **Study of Latin/Greek Roots is Too Hard:** Roots can be easy. Once students learn that words with the same roots are similar in meaning, they use this relationship to define difficult vocab.
5. **Word Learning Can't Be Fun:** Traditionally learning words is not exciting. But it can be engaging and fun. Think about games such as: Words With Friends, Boggle & Pictionary. Game-like activities are a great way to boost your vocabulary



Shout Outs!

SHOUT OUT to Mrs. Pearce for her efforts in the Media Center. She is so knowledgeable and an outstanding team player. I only have her for half a day....but we get so much done as a team. YOU ROCK MRS. PEARCE!

SHOUT OUT to Carrie Jones & the students on her bus, they took up a collection for a student who lost their home in a recent fire.

SHOUT OUT to the Lady Cobra Volleyball team for defeating Red Oak for the first time in history!

SHOUT OUT to Mr. Proctor, Mr. Perry & all the 8th grade teachers for taking the initiative to create an after school tutoring lab and a Friday intervention schedule.

SHOUT OUT to the entire staff for all of their hard work and efforts that are being put forth in this time of change. Change this year has come in the form of: time, curriculum, and assessments for both the staff and students. It is only because of love and dedication that we continue to do what we do. GOD BLESS US ONE AND ALL!!!!

SHOUT OUT to all my colleagues who have encouraged their students to become involved in FCA. I have heard from several of you about the positive difference these young people are trying to make in our school and it's a result of your encouragement!

SHOUT OUT to Mr. Harrison's class and their Dream Catcher Project (Native American traditions). The students had fun making them, they made some awesome ones, and it was something that we all shared in. Thanks!!!

SHOUT OUT to Cobra Soccer team for an outstanding season. Way To Go!!!

SHOUT OUT to Mrs. Carpenter's class and the catapults they built. We can't wait to see their robotic arms!



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Staff Dates To Remember...



- Tuesday 14th Staff Meeting
- Wednesday 15th ELA & SS Vertical PLCs
- Wednesday 21st Early Release
- Thursday 22nd & Friday 23rd Thanksgiving Holiday Break
- Thursday 29th Report Cards

Is there a topic you'd like to read about concerning educational policy, professional development or best practices? Let us know and we'll try to feature it in a newsletter soon!

